

REMARKS

Prior to entry of the present amendment, claims 1-6 and 18-23 were withdrawn and claims 7-17 and 24-31 were pending. By the instant amendment, claims 1-6 and 18-23 have been canceled.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's acknowledgement of applicants' claim for foreign priority and receipt of a certified copy of the priority document.

Applicants further appreciate the Examiner's acceptance of the drawings filed on April 16, 2004.

Applicants also appreciate the Examiner's consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on February 25, 2005, and April 27, 2005.

The indication that all pending claims 7-17 and 24-31 are allowed is gratefully acknowledged.

In the outstanding Office action, mailed October 19, 2005, the Examiner made the restriction requirement final, and raised the following formal matters: typographical errors in the specification, presence of withdrawn claims and use of a non-descriptive title. By the present amendment, the minor errors noted in the specification have been corrected, the withdrawn claims have been canceled and the title has been replaced, as suggested by the Examiner. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that all formal matters have been addressed, and that the application is now in condition for allowance.

Since the references cited by the Examiner have not been relied on to reject the claims, no comments concerning these documents are considered necessary at this time.

If the Examiner believes that additional discussions or information might advance the prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below to expedite resolution of any outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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PETITION and
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT CHARGE AUTHORIZATION

This document and any concurrently filed papers are believed to be timely. Should any extension of the term be required, applicant hereby petitions the Director for such extension and requests that any applicable petition fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1645.

If fee payment is enclosed, this amount is believed to be correct. However, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1645.

Any additional fee(s) necessary to effect the proper and timely filing of the accompanying-papers may also be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1645.